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# Louisianian Contradicts Testimony of Tongsun Park

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WASHINGTON, April 5—The House ethics committee today heard testimony that directly conflicted sworn statements in the last two days by Tongsun Park, the Korean businessman and lobbyist.

Gordon E. Dore, a prominent businessman and fund-raiser for four Louisiana politicians, testified under oath that he had not received three large sums of money that Mr. Park had said, also under oath, that he had given or sent to Mr. Dore.

This was the first contradictory testimony from a witness who took part in some of Mr. Park's business and political transactions. Some members of the com-

mittee have already expressed doubts that Mr. Park told the truth when he denied being a Korean agent, and today several members also clearly indicated that they had difficulty believing Mr. Dore's testimony.

**No Speculation on Action**

Today's contradiction immediately raised the question of whether Mr. Park or Mr. Dore might have committed perjury. Leon Jaworski, the special counsel to the committee, told newsmen after the hearing, "Obviously, there's a conflict in some places," adding that one of the witnesses "is bound not to be telling the facts."

He declined to speculate on whether the committee would recommend that ei-

ther or both be charged with perjury.

The ethics committee's hearings on Congressmen who may have taken money illegally or unethically from Korean agents is scheduled to continue next week, possibly with some Congressmen themselves being called as witnesses.

In his testimony, Mr. Park said that in December 1972, Mr. Dore approached him on a trip to Korea and asked for a campaign contribution for John B. Breaux, who had just been elected as a Democratic Representative from Louisiana.

Mr. Park said that he had agreed and had written a check and given it to Mr. Dore. A copy of the \$5,000 check, made

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out to cash and endorsed by Mr. Park, was among the committee's exhibits.

But Mr. Dore said that he had "absolutely no recollection" of the check, even though it shows that it was cashed at a bank in Crowley, La., where Mr. Dore is president of the Supreme Rice Mill. Mr. Dore was also involved in some of Mr. Park's rice deals.

**\$40,000 Package Alleged**

Mr. Park had further testified that he had sent an employee, Ryu Jae Shin, to Chicago in August 1972 with a package of money totaling \$40,000 to give to Mr. Dore, presumably as a campaign contribution for the late Senator Allen J. Ellender, Democrat of Louisiana. Mr. Ryu testified today that he had taken the packet but had not known how much was in it.

Mr. Dore acknowledged that he had received the packet of money from Mr.

Ryu in the Chicago airport but asserted that it was \$10,000, not \$40,000, and that it was in repayment of a loan he had made to Mr. Park in cash about 60 days earlier.

In the third instance, Mr. Park testified that he had given former Representative Otto E. Passman \$125,000 on April 11, 1973, of which \$50,000 was intended as a campaign contribution to Mr. Passman and \$75,000 as a payment to Mr. Dore in connection with a rice transaction.

Mr. Dore said that Mr. Park's testimony "was a complete surprise to me." He denied ever having received that sum from Mr. Park.

**Park Tells of Checks for General**

WASHINGTON, April 5 (AP)—Tongsun Park, testifying for the first time in a criminal trial resulting from the Korean

influence-buying scandal, said today that he had given checks totaling \$500,000 AS A LOAN TO Gen. Yang Doo Wan of the Korean Central Intelligence Agency in order "not to offend him." He said that he still hoped it would be repaid.

The Government contends that \$44,000 of that money eventually went to Hancho C. Kim, a Korea-born businessman, to be used to curry favor with Congressmen. Mr. Kim is accused of conspiring to set up an influence-buying scheme similar to that allegedly carried out by Mr. Park and of lying when he swore to a grand jury that he had never received \$600,000 from the K.C.I.A. for the scheme.

Mr. Park was the first defense witness. The prosecution rested its case earlier in the day after calling 65 witnesses. Mr. Park swore that he had never met Mr. Kim.